



Commune Concil' tent' in Camera Guihald' Civitat' London, die Veneris, vicesimo secundo die Octobris, anno regni Domine nostræ ANNÆ, nunc Reginae Angl', &c. Secundo, annoq; Domini 1703. coram Samuel Dashwood Mil', Major dictæ Civitat', Johanne Parsons Mil', Major' Elect' Civitat' præd', Willielmo Prichard Mil', Thoma Stamp Mil', Thoma Lane Mil', Willielmo Withers Mil', Galfrid' Jefferies Mil', Samuel Garrard Bar', Roberto Beachcroft Mil', ac ejusdem Civitat' Aldermannis, & Gilberto Heathcot Mil', Alderman', ac un' Vic' ejusdem Civitatis; necnon majore parte Communi in eodem Communi Concilio tunc & ibidem assenblat'.

An ACT to impower the Lord Mayor for the time being to Nominate One or more Person or Persons to be Sheriff of the City of London, and County of Middlesex, for the Year ensuing.

WHEREAS several Disputes have arisen about the Method of Eleasing Sheriffs of the City of London and County of Middlesex; For avoiding whereof in time to come,

BE it hereby Declared and Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons of the said City in Common-Council assembled,

assembled, That the Right of Eleasing Sheriffs for the City of London and County of Middlesex, is, and shall be, in the Liberty-men of the several Companies of this City in Common-Hall assembled.

BE it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Mayor of this City for the time being, from and after the Fourteenth Day of April unto the Fourteenth Day of June in every Year, to Nominate, in the presence of Six Aldermen of the said City, a fit and able Person, being a Freeman of this City, for Sheriff of the said City and County of Middlesex for the Year ensuing, to commence at the Vigil of Saint Michael the Archangel next after such Nomination: And if such Person, so Nominated, shall, within six days after Notice thereof given him, or left in Writing at the last place of his abode, pay to the Chamberlain of this City for the time being, for the Use of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of this City, the Sum of Four hundred Pounds of lawful Money of England, each and every Person or Persons so Nominated by the Lord Mayor, and paying as aforesaid the said Sum of Four hundred Pounds, shall be, and is hereby exempted and discharged from serving the said Office of Sheriff of London and County of Middlesex for Three Years from thence next ensuing, and shall not be liable to be again Nominated by any succeeding Lord Mayor.

AND be it further Enacted, That after the expiration of the said six days, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Mayor of this City for the time being to Nominate and Appoint one other fit and able Person, being a Freeman of this City, to be one of the Sheriffs of the said City and County of Middlesex for the Year ensuing, to commence as aforesaid, who, upon like Payment of the said Sum of Four hundred Pounds to the use aforesaid, shall in like manner be, and is hereby exempted and discharged for the said term of Three Years from serving the said Office, and from being again in like manner Nominated by any succeeding Lord Mayor, and so toties quoties as the Lord Mayor of this City shall think fit to Nominate between the said Fourteenth Day of April and Fourteenth Day of June in every Year.

AND be it hereby further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Person or Persons so Nominated as aforesaid by the Lord Mayor for Sheriff of this City, and County of Middlesex, shall, after Notice thereof given or left as aforesaid, refuse or neglect to pay unto the Chamberlain of London for the time being, the said Sum of Four hundred Pounds, to the use of the said Mayor and Commonalty

monalty and Citizens, within the time above-limited, then such Person or Persons shall, at the next Common-Hall summoned for the Election of Sheriffs of the said City of London and County of Middlesex, be the first Commoner or Commoners put in Nomination, and in the same Order as Nominated by the Lord Mayor: And in case such Person or Persons shall be then and there, or at any time afterwards, duly Elected Sheriff of the said City and County, and shall refuse or neglect to take upon him the said Office, or to become bound so to do, or otherwise discharge himself according to the Laws and Ordinances of this City, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay Six hundred and twenty Pounds of lawful Money of England, to the Use of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City, to be recovered in the Name of the Chamberlain of the said City, by Action or Bill of Debt Original, to be commenced and prosecuted in any of the Courts of Record of the Queens Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, within the said City.

PROVIDED, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to take away or diminish the Payment of the Sum of Twenty Marks, to be employed towards the Maintenance of the Ministers of Newgate, Ludgate and the Two Compters, pursuant to an Act of Common-Council made the Sixteenth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred fifty and six.

Ashburst.